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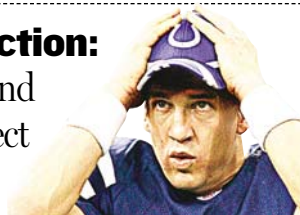
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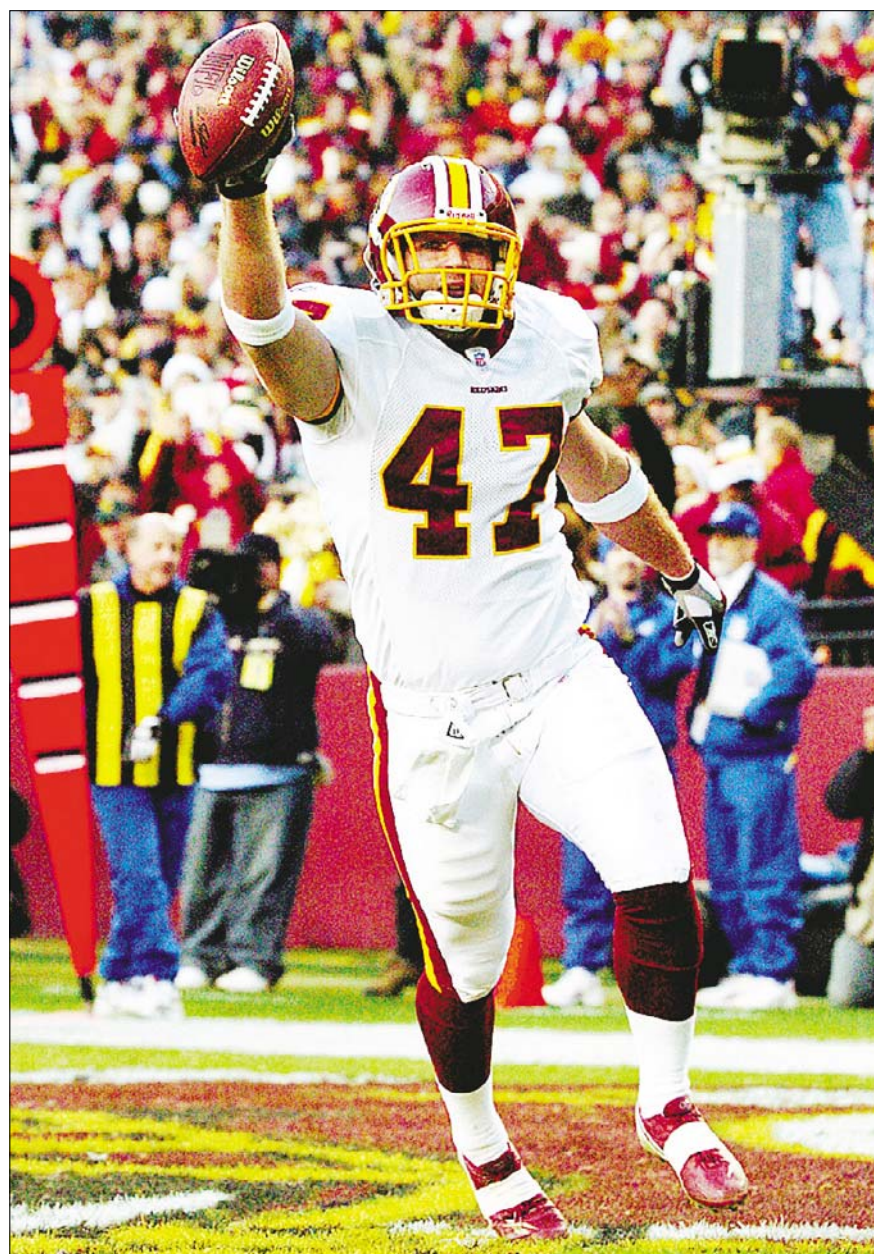
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A Rout to Remember, 35-7

COOLEY DOES IT: Chris Cooley celebrates one of his three touchdowns in the Redskins' 35-7 undressing of the Dallas Cowboys before a raucous hometown crowd on Sunday. The Redskins dominated in every way, racking up seven sacks, four turnovers and four touchdown receptions. The win keeps the Redskins' playoff hopes alive. ♦ **Party time:** It was a day of celebrations | **Page 11**

President Hails Iraq Progress

Pullout would hand country to U.S. enemies, Bush says

WASHINGTON | President Bush declared Sunday night that Iraq's elections signal the birth of democracy in the Middle East, arguing against a U.S. troop pullout while acknowledging the doubts of some "that the war is lost and not worth another dime or another day."

Bush said last week's voting for parliament will not bring an end to the violence in Iraq, where he has estimated that 30,000 civilians and more than 2,100 Americans have died. But he said Iraq's election, 6,000 miles away, "means that America has an ally of growing strength in the fight against terror."



Bush

The president was to speak to the nation in his first address from the Oval Office since he announced the invasion of Iraq in March, 2003. Excerpts were released in advance.

The Pentagon hopes to be able to reduce U.S. troop levels as Iraqi security forces become more capable of defending their own country, but it is unclear when that point will be reached.

"It is also important for every American to understand the consequences of pulling out of Iraq before our work is done," Bush said. "We would abandon our Iraqi friends and signal to the world that America cannot be trusted to keep its word. ... We would hand Iraq over to enemies who have pledged to attack us and the global terrorist movement would be ... more dangerous than ever before." PETE YOST (AP)

MARATHONS | Hearts Racing A marathon turned into a wedding for two Dallas runners earlier this month. Ken Ashby and Linda Kelley were in their running gear when they tied the knot just past Mile 19, with minister and fellow runner Tim



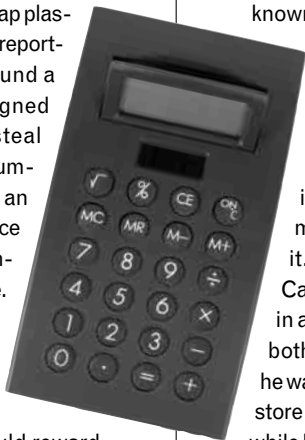
Epting officiated. Ashby ran the first part of the marathon, stopped to get married, then was joined in the final 7.2 miles by his veil-wearing bride. Ashby picked up Kelley and carried her across the finish line. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

eyeOpeners

THANKS

Figure Out How Much Money You Saved Us

A Westcliff-On-Sea, Britain, teenager who saved a bank thousands of dollars by foiling an ATM scam was rewarded by the bank with a cheap plastic calculator, the Sun reported. Luke Bridges found a fake facade — designed to help criminals steal debit card and pin numbers — installed on an ATM and tore the device off, angering the scammers who put it there. They chased after Bridges, who eluded the crooks and called police. The bank had said it would reward the teen; the calculator Bridges received is the same one that the bank usually provides to staff. (EXPRESS)



PET PEEVES

Whistle Woe

A Fareham, England, shopkeeper is selling his business because people are harassing him by whistling, the Express reported. Salvatore Caminito is known for refusing to serve customers who whistle; as word spread, shoppers made it a point to stop outside of his newsagent and whistle. "There is a conspiracy against me and I have got sick of it. My health is suffering," Caminito said. "People come in and whistle, and it's just to bother me." Derek Ayres said he was recently booted from the store after innocently whistling while buying cigarettes. "He just came from behind the counter and put his hands up in front of me and said, 'Please leave,'" he said. (EXPRESS)



CHRISTMAS

Shark! The Herald Angels Sing ...

Employees at Sea World in Jakarta, Indonesia, are dreaming of a Great White Christmas. The facility has installed underwater holiday decorations in the park's shark tank, and divers dressed in Santa Claus costumes feed the sharks from a safety cage in the tank. (AP)



Hermie now keeps his mouth closed when he smiles in turtle-family photos.

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Hermie, a turtle, had a defective beak that made meal time a struggle. Unable to close his mouth completely, the reptile's very existence was at stake. But the turtle has a new lease on life thanks to two doctors in Watertown, N.Y., who outfitted Hermie with braces. "I've worked on animals before but nothing this small," said Dr. Peter M. Virga, a dentist who, along with a veterinarian, performed the procedure. (AP)

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"[This is] the most corrupt Congress in the history of the country." —**Sen. Harry Reid**, on the DeLay and Frist scandals, on "Fox News Sunday"



Nation

McCain: Some Harsh Methods OK

Senator says torture ban would allow for some interpretation

WASHINGTON | Sen. John McCain, who pushed the White House to support a ban on torture, suggested that harsh treatment of a terrorism suspect who knew of an imminent attack would not violate international standards.

The Arizona Republican said Sunday that legislation before Congress would establish in U.S. law the international standard banning any treatment of prisoners that "shocks the conscience."

That would include, McCain said, mock executions and the controversial technique known as "water boarding," in which a subject is made to think he is drowning.

Asked on ABC's "This Week" whether such treatment of a terrorism suspect who could reveal information that could stop a terrorist operation would shock the conscience, McCain said it would not.

"In that million-to-one situation, then the president of the United States would authorize it and take responsibility for it," McCain said.

McCain said he is confident Congress will set the interrogation procedures all U.S. agencies will follow. (AP)

Lawmakers Seek Probe on Spying

Specter calls for panel hearings into president's eavesdropping order

WASHINGTON | Democrats and Republicans called separately Sunday for congressional investigations into President Bush's decision after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to allow domestic eavesdropping without court approval.

"The president has, I think, made up a law that we never passed," said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Judiciary

Committee, said he intends to hold hearings.

"They talk about constitutional authority," Specter said. "There are limits as to what the president can do."

Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada also called for an investigation, and House Democratic leaders asked Speaker Dennis Hastert to create a bipartisan panel to do the same.

Bush acknowledged Saturday that since October 2001 he has authorized the National Security Agency to eavesdrop on international phone calls and e-mails of

people within the United States without seeking warrants from courts.



Specter

initially refused to discuss the surveillance or their legal authority, citing security concerns.

Administration officials said congressional leaders had been briefed regularly on the program. Sen. John

McCain, R-Ariz., said there were no objections raised by lawmakers who were told about it.

"That's a legitimate part of the equation," McCain said on ABC's "This Week." But he said Bush still needs to explain why he chose to ignore the law that requires approval of a special court for domestic wiretaps.

"The president can't pass the buck on this one. This is his program," Reid said on "Fox News Sunday." "He's commander in chief. But commander in chief does not trump the Bill of Rights."

HOPE YEN (AP)

MISSOURI | GIFTS FOR THE NEEDY



GABRIEL B. TAIT/AP

WHISTLEBLOWER: Allen Norwood, 12, of St. Louis plays with a holiday whistle he received during a Christmas dinner at Hazelwood Central High School for thousands of needy people Sunday, in Hazelwood, Mo.

New Deadline for N.Y. Transit Talks

NEW YORK | With a Tuesday transit strike deadline looming, New Yorkers and tourists were getting their holiday shopping out of the way in anticipation of a possible citywide bus and subway strike during the height of the holiday season.

The Transport Workers Union and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority resumed negotiations Sunday afternoon after reporting little progress earlier in the weekend. The union planned to ask a state labor board to rule that the MTA couldn't use a disagreement over pension benefits as a sticking point in the negotiations.

In his weekly radio address,



No strike yet, as an unidentified rider is seen with the mayor, right, on board Friday.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg called a possible strike "reprehensible" and said it would strand commuters and drain \$400 million a day from the economy.

The transit workers' contract expired early Friday, but the two sides agreed to continue talking, and the union set a new strike deadline for 12:01 a.m. Tuesday.

NAHAL TOOSI (AP)

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GOP Leaders Try For Spending Cuts

Tentative plan would
trim Medicare, student
loans to lower deficits

WASHINGTON | Republican congressional leaders agreed to trim deficits by \$41.6 billion and sought to unlock the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil drilling Sunday in a frenzied year-end bid to enact the core of a conservative agenda.

"We're going to move the nation's business" through Congress, vowed Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist.

But Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid accused the GOP of breaking Senate rules to suit their purposes, and threatened to slow action to a crawl. "The arrogance of power of the Republicans ... is beyond my ability to comprehend," he said.

Medicare, the student loan program and Medicaid, which provides health care for the poor, would all be tapped for savings under the emerging five-year deficit-cutting plan.

GOP leaders hoped the ANWR drilling legislation would be close behind. But it faced a rockier course — a threatened filibuster in the Senate that can only be broken with a 60-vote majority.

Conservatives hailed the deficit-cutting measure as the first attempt in a decade to rein in the cost of federal benefit programs, which customarily expand from year to year based on the eligible population. DAVID ESPO (AP)

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In Brief

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Fake Firefighter Suspect Charged in Sexual Assault

A man accused of sexually assaulting a woman while posing as a firefighter was charged with kidnapping, sexual abuse and other offenses, authorities said Sunday. Peter Braunstein, a former fashion writer, was arrested Friday, and was hospitalized for two days after he stabbed himself several times in the neck during the arrest said Memphis authorities (AP)



Braunstein

BARRE, VT.

Mother, 4 Children Killed In Apartment Fire

A family friend survived by jumping from a second-floor window as fire swept through a duplex early Saturday, killing a woman and four children and leaving her husband in critical condition. A neighbor spotted the flames just before 6 a.m., but police who arrived first couldn't reach the second floor because of the heat and flames, police said. (AP)

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Millionaire Businessman Survives Ambush, Shooting

A former MIT professor and multimillionaire businessman who has been praised for his riveting lectures but also known for his family disputes was ambushed outside his office and shot multiple times, authorities said Saturday. John J. Donovan was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital after the shooting Friday and later released, hospital officials said. (AP)

RIVERDALE, ILL.

Police: 9-Year-Old Girl Fatally Shot Older Brother

A 9-year-old girl accidentally shot and killed her 13-year-old brother while playing with a semiautomatic handgun that she found in her parents' bedroom, according to police in this Chicago suburb. The shooting was unintentional, but the parents might face charges for not having a trigger lock on the weapon, authorities said. (AP)

SHOPPING SEASON | SLEEPY SALES



WAKE ME WHEN IT'S OVER: Ten-month-old Daisy Hewins isn't in the mood to shop at this store in Chapel Hill, N.C. Worried retailers were losing sleep Sunday after lukewarm sales for the last weekend of Christmas shopping.

Customs Agents Seize Fake Tamiflu

SAN FRANCISCO | Customs agents have intercepted more than 50 shipments of counterfeit Tamiflu, the antiviral drug being stockpiled in anticipation of a bird flu pandemic, marking the first such seizures in the U.S., authorities said Sunday.

The fake drugs had none of

Tamiflu's active ingredients, and officials were running tests to determine what the capsules did contain. Initial tests indicated some vitamin C in the capsules, said David Elder, director of the Food and Drug Administration Office of Enforcement. (AP)

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Number of children born to a couple in California, believed to be the most in the country. Ukrainian immigrants Vladimir and Zynaida Chernenko welcomed their 17th, David, last week.



Two streetcars move along the Canal Street line in New Orleans on Sunday, as the city resumed service after Hurricane Katrina.

Big Easy Streetcars Return

Service restored after destruction from Katrina

NEW ORLEANS | The clackety-clack is officially back.

New Orleans on Sunday resumed its streetcar service, which had been out of commission since Hurricane Katrina wiped out the utility poles and metal tracks used to propel the city's trademark mode of transportation.

Car number 930, adorned with holiday garland and red ribbon, was the first to roll out from the French Market post at 7 a.m.

Six of the 35 historic New Orleans streetcars that before Hurricane Katrina ran along St. Charles Avenue — the oldest continuously operating streetcar line in the world — operated Sunday along the Mississippi Riverfront line and part of the Canal Street line.

Clarence Glover, who has driven streetcars for 22 years, was instructing conductor Jerry Duplessis on Sunday's first run. Before Katrina, Duplessis drove the newer cars,

which had more automatic features. He had to be briefed on the older cars' manual components, such as a foot pump that drops sand on the tracks for traction as the car comes to a stop. The newer cars drop sand automatically, Glover said.

Getting conductors back into the city was part of the battle to resume streetcar service. Many RTA workers, including Cook, are living on a cruise ship docked at the riverfront after their homes were destroyed by Katrina's winds Aug. 29 and subsequent flooding. STACEY PLAISANCE (AP)

Calif. Teens Arrested In School Shooting Plot

LANCASTER, CALIF. | Two teenagers were in custody for allegedly plotting to carry out a Columbine-like massacre at their former high school next Valentine's Day, authorities said.

The former Quartz Hill High students, whose names were not released, were arrested Thursday after searches of their homes turned up knives, ammunition, a gas mask and bomb-making instructions downloaded from the Internet, according to the Los Angeles

County Sheriff's Department.

They were being held at the Sylmar Juvenile Detention Center for investigation of making terrorist threats, Brown said.

The boys, ages 17 and 15, had been transferred from Quartz Hill to other schools for disciplinary reasons, authorities said.

The boys told investigators that they planned to kill Quartz Hill students who had made fun of them, using guns and homemade explosives, then commit suicide. (AP)

MISSOURI | SOLO ACT



STREET SOUNDS: Nancy Keyes braves chilly temperatures and heavy snow to serenade passers-by with her soprano sax in Kansas City on Saturday.



STEAMY SAGA: Episodes of the hit TV show "Desperate Housewives" will soon be shown on television in China, marking a departure for a country where the government typically keeps racy material off the air, according to a Reuters report.

World

In Brief



Mass protests surrounded much of the six-day WTO meetings in Hong Kong.

HONG KONG

WTO Negotiators Manage To Cut Deal on Pact Issues

WTO negotiators cut a last-minute deal Sunday on ending farm export subsidies and other trade barriers, claiming modest progress toward their goal of forging a global trade pact by late 2006. The agreement was a badly needed breakthrough for the World Trade Organization, whose credibility was on the line following devastating collapses of two of its last three key meetings. (AP)

BLANTYRE, MALAWI

Lightning Strikes Church Congregation, Killing 11

At least 11 people were killed and several more injured when a bolt of lightning struck a church congregation in Malawi's northern mountainous district of Mzimba, church officials said Sunday. Fletcher Ndhlovu, a senior member of the Church of Central African Presbytery, said the congregation had gathered to prepare for Christmas celebrations in a village north of the capital, Lilongwe, on Saturday when the tragedy happened. (AP)

Cheney Makes Surprise Trip to Iraq

But post-election calm is disrupted by new surge of deadly attacks

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Three days of relative calm after Iraq's first election for a full-term parliament since the fall of Saddam Hussein were shattered Sunday by a string of attacks that killed about two dozen people, as Vice President Dick Cheney made a surprise visit to Baghdad.

Cheney's visit, under heavy security, was so secret that Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari was surprised when he met him at the U.S. ambassador's residence in the heavily fortified Green Zone.

His one-day tour came just ahead of a scheduled Sunday address by President Bush on Iraq and just a few days after the Dec. 15 elections — which were marked by a strong turnout. Cheney met with Iraq's leaders and military commanders in the Green Zone, saw an Iraqi troop training demonstra-



VIP ROOM: Vice President Dick Cheney talks with soldiers at the Taji Air Base on Sunday while making a surprise visit to Iraq just days after the parliamentary vote.

tion at Taji air base, lunched with soldiers and spoke to troops.

Al-Jaafari told Cheney that he estimated a record 70 percent of Iraq's 15 million registered vot-

ers had gone to the polls. He also described 2005 as "the most important in Iraq's history."

Meanwhile, a string of attacks late Saturday and early Sunday

GERMAN HOSTAGE FREED

● A GERMAN AID worker and archaeologist kidnapped in Iraq with her driver has been freed after three weeks in captivity, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier announced Sunday night. He did not disclose any details about Susanne Osthoff's release but said she appeared to be in "good physical condition." Osthoff and her driver were snatched on Nov. 25. It was not immediately clear if the driver also was freed. (AP)

pierced three days of relative calm that followed the elections.

Most of the people killed in Sunday's violence, which included two suicide bombings, were police officers. It came after authorities eased stringent security measures put in place for the elections and traffic returned to normal on the first full working day since the vote.

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Report: U.S. Ran Secret Afghan Prison

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | The United States operated a secret prison in Afghanistan as recently as last year, torturing detainees by chaining them to walls and forcing them to listen to loud music in total darkness for days, a human rights group alleged Monday.

The prison was run near Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, New York-

based Human Rights Watch said in a report based on the testimony of several detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, who said they were held there.

According to the report, the detainees were kept in total darkness — they called the facility "Dark Prison" — and were tortured and mistreated by American and Afghan

guards in civilian clothes, suggesting it might have been operated by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Human Rights Watch did not speak with the detainees directly because the United States has not allowed human rights organizations to visit detainees at Guantanamo.

Instead, the testimony was made by the detainees to their lawyers, who passed it on to the rights watchdog. (AP)

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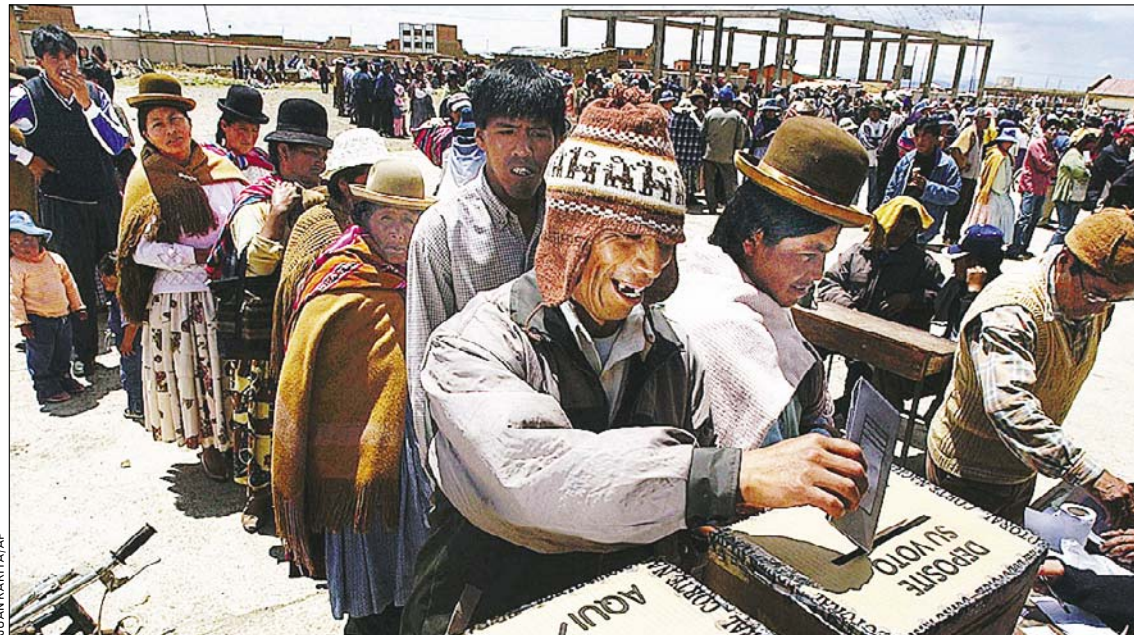


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World



PAY DAY: The popular Spanish Christmas lottery known as "El Gordo" — the Fat One — is even chubbier this year, with a total prize of \$2.4 billion. The drawing will be held Dec. 22.



TURNING OUT: Hundreds of voters wait in line to cast ballots during presidential elections in El Alto, Bolivia, on Sunday.

Change Brewing in Bolivia

Exit polls show leftist Morales leading election

COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA | Socialist coca farmer Evo Morales was leading his conservative rival by more than 10 percent in Bolivia's presidential race Sunday night, an unexpectedly wide margin that means Congress will likely declare him the country's first Indian president, according to two independent exit polls.

Raucous celebrations erupted among Morales' supporters after exit polls showed him with a deci-

sive lead over former President Jorge "Tuto" Quiroga, who was backed by Bolivia's business elite.

"Evo! Evo!" his supporters chanted in this coca-growing region where Morales built his "Movement Toward Socialism."

Under Bolivia's election laws, Congress chooses the next president in mid-January if no candidate receives the simple majority needed to win outright. But election observers said that, barring unex-

pected developments, Morales' surprisingly strong showing makes him the clear choice for lawmakers.

Morales was leading with 45 percent to Quiroga's 33 percent in an Equipso Mori poll. A second poll by the private Ipsos Captura organization showed Morales with a slightly narrower lead of 44.5 percent to Quiroga's 34.3 percent.

Morales campaigned on exercising more state control over Bolivia's natural gas reserves and ending U.S.-backed coca eradication efforts. **FIONA SMITH (AP)**

Congolese Cast Ballots on Charter

KINSHASA, CONGO | Congo's war-weary people voted Sunday in the first national ballot in over three decades, with voters banging on polling-booth doors to be allowed in to say yes or no to a draft constitution meant to put the country on the path to democracy and lasting peace.

Many Congolese lined up before dawn, with eager voters slamming their fists on the entryway of one polling center in the capital, Kinshasa, imploring election workers to let them in early to exercise their long-dormant franchise.

The charter would grant greater



Eager voters approach an election official in Kinshasa, Congo, on Sunday.

autonomy to mineral-laden regions but is viewed by many as another attempt by corrupt politicians to enrich themselves.

Some 24 million people are registered to vote in the poll, which will continue on Monday. Final results are expected by the end of the year. **(AP)**

Sydney Beaches Quiet After Riots

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA | The show of force worked: 2,000 police protected Sydney's beaches Sunday from the threatened return of race riots that hit Australia's largest city last weekend.

The heavy police presence kept a close eye on potential trouble spots a week after more than 5,000 mainly white youths fought a series of skirmishes with police and attacked people of Arab appearance.

Instead, many people stayed away from popular beaches Sunday and the biggest gatherings resulted not from troublemakers but from those attending a peace rally. **(AP)**

21%

The approximate percentage of Scottish children born in 2001 who were overweight by the time they were 3½ years old, new statistics show. The data puts Scots kids among the world's heaviest, Reuters reported.

World

Israel's Sharon Suffers Mild Stroke

Prime minister said to be lucid and swiftly recovering in hospital

JERUSALEM | Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a mild stroke Sunday, but his condition quickly improved and his doctor said he was expected to be released from the hospital after a few days. Sharon aides said he was lucid and in control of the government.

Sharon never lost consciousness, said Yuval Weiss, deputy director of Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital.

Sharon's personal physician,

Bolek Goldman, said the prime minister, who is 77 and extremely overweight, would be hospitalized "for a few days," although Weiss said Sharon would be discharged "shortly."

Sharon was joking with his family and received a briefing from his military adviser, Goldman said.

On the streets of Gaza City, some masked Palestinians from the Popular Resistance Committees militant group fired into the air and handed out pastries to passing motorists in apparent celebration of the Israeli leader's ill health.

But aides to Palestinian leader



Ariel Sharon talks to the press Sunday, before the onset of his health problems.

Mahmoud Abbas called Sharon's office to wish him a speedy recovery.

The stroke was almost certain to make Sharon's health a major campaign issue before March elections, but it likely would have little effect on Israeli policy or peace efforts since no major decisions were expected during the campaign.

The prime minister has been a fixture of Israeli politics for decades. Last month, he broke away from his hard-line Likud Party and formed the centrist Kadima faction to contest March 28 parliamentary elections. MARK LAVIE (AP)

Probe Begins Into S. Korean's Stem Cell Work

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | A panel questioned stem cell researcher Hwang Woo-suk, sealed off his office and secured materials in his laboratory Sunday as it began a probe of allegations he falsified embryonic stem cells that he said he had created in a scientific breakthrough.

Seoul National University began the probe after Hwang acknowledged there were "fatal errors" in a May article claiming that he and others cloned human embryos and created 11 stem cell lines that genetically matched certain patients. (AP)

INDIA | FLOOD VICTIMS DIE IN STAMPEDE



IN GRIEF: Relatives of a woman killed in a stampede grieve over her body in Madras, India, on Sunday. Thousands of flood victims waiting in line for relief vouchers stampeded into a government-run distribution center in southern India, killing at least 42 people and injuring 37, authorities said.

Afghan Assembly to Meet

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Sayyad Mohammad Muhsin, a former militia fighter, came ready for his new role in parliament with his goals handwritten on both sides of a small sheet of paper.

"The people in my province are very poor; they have no roads, they have no good schools," Muhsin read, speaking at an orientation earlier this month.

After its inauguration Monday, Afghanistan's first elected national assembly in 30 years has similarly tough challenges and lofty goals ahead.

Formation of the assembly marks the last major step on an internationally sponsored path to democracy and stability laid out after the ouster of the Taliban in 2001.

The parliament will also test Afghanistan's ability to overcome deep rifts — some dating back centuries.

Then there are tribal, ethnic and religious splits, including tension between Sunni and Shiite Muslims and between more conservative and more secular Afghans. Social issues such as education and movies may prove to be hot topics. (AP)

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Local



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Mayor Stresses Stadium's Benefits

Williams makes last push before Tuesday vote

WASHINGTON | Mayor Anthony A. Williams is hoping ordinary citizens will help him secure plans for a new baseball stadium on the west bank of the Anacostia River.

Williams is trying to persuade undecided members of the D.C. Council to back the project, and he is urging voters to help him.

"Once this ballpark is in the ground, the entire city will see the economic benefits that baseball can bring to all of us," Williams told a group of senior citizens Thursday.

On Tuesday, the council will

consider a 30-year lease that calls for the city government to provide a 41,000 seat ballpark for the Washington Nationals.



Williams

Council approval of that document is needed before investment bankers will issue \$535 million in bonds to pay for the project. Baseball officials are also waiting for the lease to be approved before select-

ing a new owner for the Nationals franchise, which was bought by the other 29 teams in 2002.

The mayor has said the economic future of long neglected neighborhoods as well as the city's credibility and public image are riding on the vote. He was scheduled to speak at a public rally Monday to urge council members to vote for the project. Protesters were planning to gather nearby for the noon event.

"It's going to produce \$75 to \$100 million in additional tax revenue, thousands of jobs and business opportunities for people who need them," Williams told The

Associated Press.

The mayor had commitments from at least five of the seven members needed to approve the measure by Friday.

Locating the stadium one mile south of the U.S. Capitol could trigger development of a two-million-square-foot shopping and entertainment district rivaling Chicago's Navy Pier or San Francisco's Pier 39. Development will fuel a \$450 million community benefits fund, producing money for school modernization, health care and other services, Williams said.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

In Brief

RICHMOND, VA.

Legislators Push Bill That Would Punish Dog Owners

Lawmakers are proposing tough legislation to punish dog owners whose pets injure or kill following the attack on an 82-year-old Spotsylvania County widow who was fatally mauled by three roaming pit bulls. Some legislators contend Virginia law doesn't give prosecutors much recourse in cases where dogs kill or maim. Deanna Large, who prosecutors say owned the pit bulls, is set to be tried on Tuesday on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. (AP)

U-Md. Scores \$30M Gift for Bioengineering

COLLEGE PARK, MD. | The inventor of devices that include modern medical stents commonly used to treat heart ailments will give the University of Maryland \$30 million for the study of bioengineering, the university planned to announce Monday.

Robert E. Fischell, who received a master's in physics from Maryland and is a trustee of the school's foundation, and his three sons plan to

give the money to the university's A. James Clark School of Engineering. The three sons are making a separate \$1 million donation.

The \$30 million gift is among the largest received by the university. Fischell's gift will be used to establish a new department of bioengineering and an institute for biomedical devices, both in the engineering school and each named after him. (AP)

IN The Washington Post | ARSON BLAMED IN BLAZE



SUDDENLY HOMELESS: Melissa Miranda listens to Montgomery County Fire Department Lt. Darrell Hout discuss the Sunday morning fire that destroyed her Gaithersburg apartment building, displacing 75 residents. A first-floor resident has been charged with arson. | **Today in Metro**



'GRINDING' DEBATE: Harrisonburg High School in Virginia has banned a sexually suggestive form of dancing known as "grinding" from school-sponsored events. Students must now face one another when dancing. One 16-year-old student said the school's move to prohibit freeform front-to-back dancing "is taking away from our teenage culture." (AP)

The Lotteries

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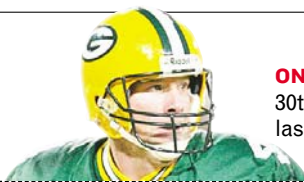
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ONE LAST TIME? Brett Favre will lead Green Bay on Monday Night Football for the 30th time when the Packers play the Ravens in Baltimore. The game could be the last MNF appearance in Favre's storied career, as he again mulls retirement.

Sports



HAIL TO THE REDSKINS: Chris Cooley, hugged here by Ladell Betts, kept the band busy by scoring three touchdowns vs. Dallas in Sunday's 35-7 victory at FedEx Field.

An Unrivaled Blowout

In biggest win against Cowboys, Redskins up their playoff chances

REDSKINS | From the raucous pre-game chants of "We Want Dallas" to the seven sacks, four turnovers and four touchdowns passes, the Washington Redskins' biggest victory over the Dallas Cowboys was one long celebration.

The Redskins kept their playoff hopes intact and severely dented the cause of their despised foes, winning 35-7 Sunday for their third straight victory, their first season sweep of the Cowboys in 10 years and biggest margin of victory ever over Dallas.

The Cowboys' first play from scrimmage was a pass tipped by Phillip Daniels and intercepted by Cornelius Griffin. The rest of the game was more of the same. Daniels finished with four sacks



Walt Harris, bottom, and Marcus Washington punish Julius Jones on Sunday.

and a fumble recovery, Marcus Washington had two sacks, an interception and a forced fumble, Chris Cooley caught three of Mark Brunell's four TD passes, and Clinton Portis ran for 112 yards.

The score was 28-0 at halftime,

with the Redskins scoring on drives of four, eight, two and two plays. They capitalized off two interceptions, a bad punt and a long pass to Santana Moss that brought back memories of his two fourth-quarter touchdown catches in the 14-13 win

NFL SCOREBOARD

- Saturday
GIANTS 27, Chiefs 17
BRONCOS 28, Bills 17
PATRIOTS 28, Bucs 0
Sunday
REDSKINS 35, Cowboys 7
CHARGERS 26, Colts 17
DOLPHINS 24, Jets 20
TEXANS 30, Cardinals 19
SEAHAWKS 28, Titans 24
EAGLES 17, Rams 16
PANTHERS 27, Saints 10
JAGUARS 10, 49ers 9
STEELERS 18, Vikings 3
BENGALS 41, Lions 17
BROWNS 9, Raiders 7

over the Cowboys in September. The game left the Redskins (8-6) and Cowboys (8-6) two games behind the N.Y. Giants in the NFC East, but the Redskins hold the tiebreaker because of the season sweep. Washington's 8-2 conference record also puts it in position for a wild-card berth and its first postseason appearance since 1999.

HEARSAY | WINNING

"This is when championships are won. If you don't put your best foot forward, you can't win it."

—PATRIOTS LB TEDY BRUSCHI
A DAY AFTER THE PATRIOTS CLINCHED THE AFC EAST AND EYE A THIRD STRAIGHT TITLE

TOP DOGS | THIS WEEK'S STARS IN THE NFL



TIKI BARBER
RB, Giants
220 yds, 2 TDs



SHAUN ALEXANDER
RB, Seahawks
172 yds, 1 TD



ROD SMITH
WR, Broncos
137 yds, 1 TD



LARRY JOHNSON
RB, Chiefs
167 yds, 2 TDs



RUDI JOHNSON
RB, Bengals
117 yds, 2 TDs

Grading Gibbs



The best & worst from the game

- ➔ **BEST CALL:** Basically every play call in the first half. From the start, everything went right for the Redskins while everything went wrong for the Cowboys.
- ➔ **WORST CALL:** Gibbs should have used a challenge to see if Santana Moss scored on his big catch in the first half. When that's the worst call, you know it's a good game.
- ➔ **BEST ADJUSTMENT:** Redskins didn't need any on Sunday.
- GRADE: A-PLUS:** Washington played like it was its most important game of the decade.

Box Score

Redskins 35, Cowboys 7

WASHINGTON	7	21	7	0
DALLAS	0	0	0	7

First Quarter: WAS: Cooley 8 pass from Brunell (Hall kick), 8:44
Second Quarter: WAS: Cooley 2 pass from Brunell (Hall kick), 9:40, WAS: Sellers 3 pass from Brunell (Hall kick), 1:25, WAS: Cooley 30 pass from Brunell (Hall kick), :12
Third Quarter: WAS: Betts 1 run (Hall kick), 10:15
Fourth Quarter: DAL: Witten 2 pass from Bledsoe (Cundiff kick), 12:10
Attendance: 90,588

	REDSKINS	COWBOYS
First Downs	19	13
Total Net Yards	334	216
Rushes-Yards	40-171	24-109
Passing	163	107
Punt Returns	2-0	1-6
Kickoff Returns	2-40	6-136
Interception Ret.	3-61	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	12-20-0	16-29-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	7-46
Punts	6-33.5	6-33.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-55	9-56
Time Of Possession	31:31	28:29

RUSHING: WAS: Portis 23-112, Betts 12-44, Cartwright 3-13, Moss 1-3, Brunell 1- (minus 1) DAL: J. Jones 12-79, Barber 10-30, Bledsoe 2-0
PASSING: WAS: Brunell 12-20-0-163 DAL: Bledsoe 16-29-3-153
RECEIVING: WAS: Cooley 6-71, Moss 2-73, Cartwright 1-6, Royal 1-6, Portis 1-4, Sellers 1-3 DAL: Witten 4-41, Barber 4-26, J. Jones 3-17, T. Glenn 2-25, K. Johnson 2-20, Crayton 1-24
MISSED FIELD GOALS: DAL: Cundiff 38 (WR)

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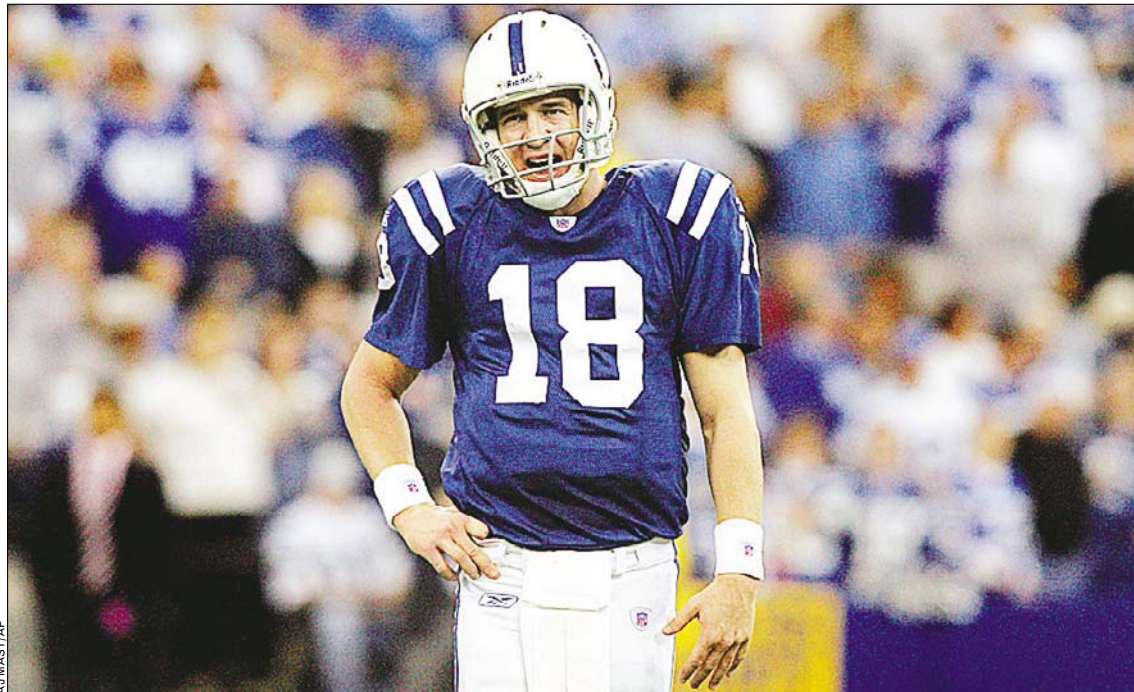
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Sports

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The number of consecutive quarters in which the Indianapolis Colts scored — before being shut out in the first half against the San Diego Chargers, Sunday.



AT A LOSS: Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning reacts during the Chargers' 26-17 win to end Indy's march to 16-0.

Nobody's Perfect in NFL

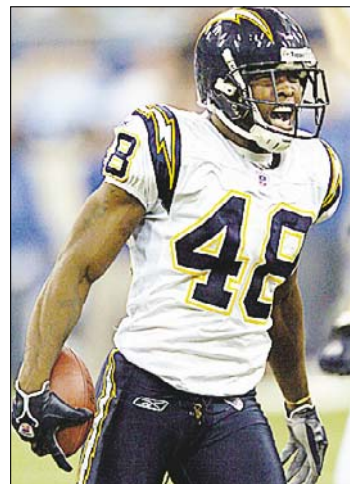
Chargers become first team to beat the Colts in dramatic 26-17 win

NFL | The perfect season is over. Take heart, Colts fans: There's always the Super Bowl.

Indianapolis' unbeaten streak ended Sunday in a 26-17 loss to a San Diego team desperate to make the playoffs.

And it certainly led to champagne celebrations by members of the 1972 Dolphins, the only team to complete a season undefeated.

In a game of dramatic turn-arounds, the Chargers went ahead on a 49-yard field goal by Nate Kaeding with 6:42 left after the Colts erased a 16-0 deficit with a field goal and two touchdowns in



Chargers strong safety Terrence Kiel celebrates a fumble recovery on Sunday.

a six-minute span of the third quarter. Then Michael Turner clinched it with an 83-yard touchdown run

after rookie Luis Castillo sacked Peyton Manning to knock the Colts out of field-goal range.

The win kept San Diego (9-5) alive for an AFC wild-card spot and prevented Denver from clinching the AFC West. It also allowed the Colts (13-1) to rest starters for the final two games of the season, having already clinched home-field advantage for the AFC playoffs.

Further consolation for Indianapolis: The last team to start 13-0 and lose, the 1998 Denver Broncos, went on to win the Super Bowl. And fans at the RCA Dome seemed to appreciate it — the ones who were left applauded their team as the game wound down. "It really was a fun game," Dungy said. "Our guys wanted to win, but they just outplayed us." DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)

Steelers End Vikings' Winning Streak

NFL | The Minnesota Vikings won six straight by avoiding mistakes and forcing their opponents to make plenty of errors.

The Pittsburgh Steelers refused to play that part.

Ben Roethlisberger ran for a touchdown, and Pittsburgh forced three turnovers and a safety in an 18-3 victory over Minnesota on

Sunday afternoon.

Willie Parker rushed 14 times for 81 yards for the Steelers (9-5), who won their second consecutive game and put themselves in prime position for an AFC wild card spot this season.

The Vikings (8-6) sealed their own demise at the end of an embarrassing week. Four players, includ-

ing injured quarterback Daunte Culpepper and ex-Redskin Fred Smoot, were charged Thursday with three misdemeanors apiece for lewd behavior in the infamous bye-week boat party.

Brad Johnson, whose takeover at quarterback coincided with the streak, threw two costly red-zone interceptions — the last one in the end zone with 23 seconds left in the first half. DAVE CAMPBELL (AP)



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RED SOX REUNION: Nomar Garciaparra has agreed to a one-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers after flirting with the Yankees, Astros and Indians. Garciaparra will join former teammate Bill Mueller and manager Grady Little in L.A.

Sports

DETROIT LIONS | MARCH AGAINST MILLEN



FANS HAVE SPOKEN: In the Detroit Lions' final home game of the year, fans marched around Ford Field Sunday to demand the firing of GM Matt Millen due to the team's 20-57 record under Millen's management. Cheers from the angry fans included "Ho, ho, ho, Millen must go."

Barber Carries the Giants

Running back sets franchise records as N.Y. eyes division title

NFL | Tiki Barber is getting better with age. So are the New York Giants.

The ninth-year running back is having the most productive season of his career and is a major reason the Giants are one win from locking up their first NFC East crown since 2000.

After a 27-17 win over Kansas City on Saturday, the Giants (10-4) can clinch the division with a win at Washington next Saturday. It's an almost 180-degree turnaround from a year ago, when an injury-plagued team lost eight of its last nine games and finished 6-10.

But this year, with the depth of some shrewd off-season moves, when the injury bug hit a week ago against the Eagles and knocked out middle linebacker Antonio Pierce and both offensive tackles, the Giants just plugged the holes and moved on.

Running behind a patchwork



Tiki Barber ran for 220 yards and scored two TDs on Saturday vs. Kansas City.

offensive line Saturday against Kansas City (8-6), Barber set a Giants single-game record with 220 yards on 29 carries and scored two touchdowns. He has already broken his franchise record of 1,518 yards in a season, set in 2004.

Michael Strahan, one of two current Giants with more years of

service with the team than Barber, is not the least bit surprised by his teammates' success.

"You look at him and he's not big," Strahan said of his 5-foot-10, 200-pound teammate. "But he sometimes makes things happen when it looks like nothing's going to happen, and he carries the team." DAVID PORTER (AP)

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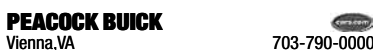
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—Boxer John Ruiz, still fuming after losing to 7-foot Nikolay Valuev in Germany on Saturday.

No Defense for Struggling Wizards

Can Washington find a cure for its woes in play against Seattle?

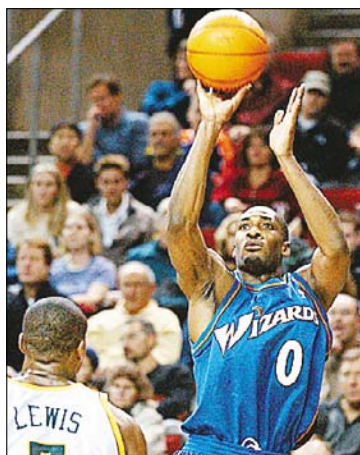
WIZARDS | The Seattle SuperSonics make a great counter-argument to the conventional wisdom on the Washington Wizards' current mediocrity. The Wizards' (9-12) slow start so far has been generally attributed to the sometimes-painful process of adapting to four players brought in from other teams.

"We're a little bit behind, because of the new guys," said coach Eddie Jordan. "As we go along, those play-

ers will grow and play together."

The Sonics, who have only one player who was on a different team last year, have had that time to grow. The result? They're much worse: After winning the division last year with a 52-30 record, the Sonics are 10-12 and fourth in the division with virtually the same roster.

It's a lineup the Wizards dominated earlier this year in their biggest win of the season, doling out a 137-96 whopping led by Gilbert Arenas' 32 points and seven assists. Washington will be confidently keeping that mismatch in mind going into tonight's second meet-



Gilbert Arenas scored 32 points vs. Seattle in a blowout win this season.

ing of the two teams.

Finding reasons for confidence hasn't been easy recently, as the Wizards' loss to the Lakers on Friday was their 11th defeat in 15 games. "We still don't play together as a team," center Brendan Haywood said.

While the Wizards talk chemistry, the most glaring flaw in the team isn't much different from last year. With all five starters returning from last year's squad, Washington is ranked 25th in the league in defense. It's a problem that the Wizards have yet to fix, no matter who's on the roster. **CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)**

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (10 P.M. ON WB 50) Gilbert Arenas leads Washington against the Seattle Sonics in the middle game of the Wizards' West Coast road trip.

NFL (9 P.M. ON ABC) The Baltimore Ravens welcome the Green Bay Packers to town in what might be called The Futility Bowl.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) Underachieving Kansas hopes to climb above .500 while hosting Pepperdine at Allen Fieldhouse.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN2) No. 18 Indiana travels east to face Charlotte in a non-conference game.

NHL (8 P.M. ON OLN) The worst team in the Northwest Division plays the best team in the Pacific as the Minnesota Wild host the Dallas Stars in Minneapolis.



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MONKEY BUSINESS: "King Kong" wasn't an 800-lb. gorilla at the box office, but it did lead the weekend with \$50.15 million, falling short of the \$60 mil analysts had forecast for director Peter Jackson's epic followup to his "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.



Entertainment

Stop, Rewind, Replay

Fall Out Boy are fans of hardcore, but they don't have to play it

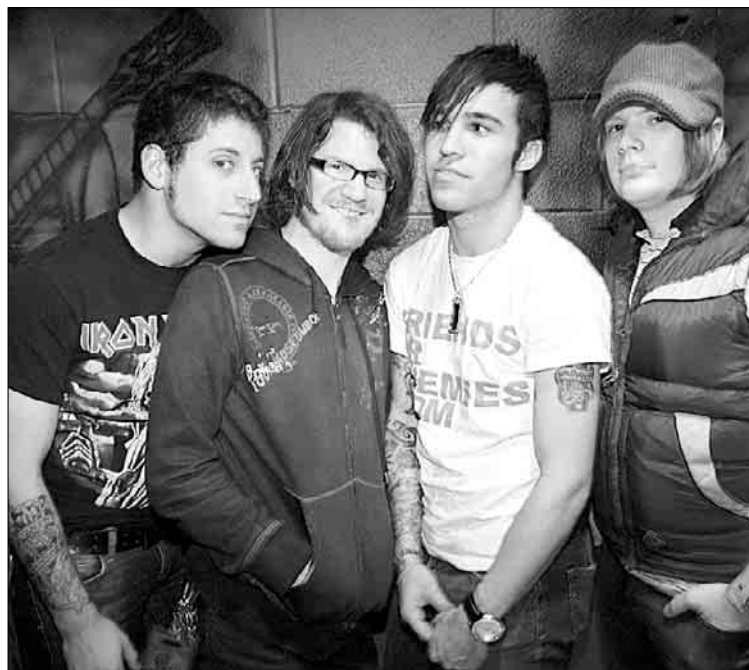
SWITCHING UP | Fall Out Boy had every intention of following in the footsteps of the aggressive, earsplitting rock bands that they grew up listening to.

But the more hardcore they tried to be, the more they realized it didn't fit their vibe.

"When you're playing hardcore music and you're screaming every night, it just grates on your ears, and at some point ... you want to be doing something different," explained Pete Wentz, the 26-year-old bassist and lyricist for the Chicago-based quartet.

What the band did is infuse its music with a pop sensibility. The result is a melodic pop-punk and rock mixture that has helped turn Fall Out Boy into the breakout band of the year.

The group — Wentz; 21-year-old lead singer and melody maker,



DO NOT DISTURBED: Fall Out Boy left behind its influences, including Disturbed.

Patrick Stump; guitarist Joe Trohman, 21; and drummer Andy Hurley, 24 — got its start performing about four years ago.

"[We] listened to the

Descendants and Lifetime and bands like that growing up, so we wanted to play in a band like that," says Wentz, before adding with a laugh: "We were really bad."

"And then people started showing up at shows, and we were like, 'Uh ... all right.'"

Back then, what people would have heard was a punk band trying to fit into the Chicago hard-rock scene, which Stump remembers as violent, homophobic, racist and just plain "horrible."

"We wanted out of it. It was the most negative thing in the world," Stump said.

The band dropped the more aggressive rock stance for more pop fare, anchored by Stump's music; the emo-angle came from Wentz's pen, fueled by bitter breakups and other relationship drama.

Now that the group has achieved platinum success, there are likely to be bands looking to be the next Fall Out Boy.

"I think the problem is that bands start feeling the heat and then they try and rub sticks together and start a fire of their own, whereas Fall Out Boy, we're completely happy to go out and blaze a path," said Wentz.

NEKESA MUMBI MOODY (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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Clarence the angel teaches George the savings- and-loan owner about regret.

Holiday Classics: Silver Bells, Silver Screen

The Holiday Classics series rolls on with two beloved holiday flicks: the nostalgic tale with a tart surprise in the middle, "A Christmas Story," screens at 4 p.m.; the lavishly sentimental "It's a Wonderful Life" at 6:15. Why not make an evening of it?

AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; \$7.50-\$9.25; 301-495-6700. (Silver Spring)

Last Train Home: All Aboard for Yule

Supersized local roots-rock favorites Last Train Home squeeze onto the Millennium Stage for a ride on the "Holiday Limited," — that's the name of LTH's Santa-centric album.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

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Stern and party hostess Martha Stewart.

Stern Bids Goodbye to Earth

Did satellite kill the radio star? Howard Stern fans will find out

NEW HORIZONS | After 20 years as New York's premier radio personality, Howard Stern signed off station WXRK-FM permanently Friday morning, where the atmo-

sphere in the studio and outside was more circus than memorial.

Speechifying before thousands gathered under a steady drizzle, the "King of All Media" thanked his fan base of strippers, garbage men, long-serving K-rock crew, and the "wack pack."

Stern, who essentially has been saying good-bye to terrestrial radio

since he signed with Sirius 15 months ago, will next be heard Jan. 9 on Sirius Satellite Radio, beginning a five-year, \$500 million gig.

"We've had this glorious history together, all of us," Stern said before leaving the studio for the last time. "... [W]e've influenced an entire generation of broadcasters." STEPHEN WILLIAMS AND ROBERT KAHN (NEWSDAY)

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DOUBLE SHOT: It's not a household name, but SoCal band System of a Down pulled off a chart-topping coup: It had two albums debut in the No. 1 slot within one year. "Mezmerize" came out in May, while "Hypnotize" was released in November.



IT'S PAYBACK TIME: Walters with the Dalai Lama, who spoke to her about karma.

What's It All About

Barbara Walters goes in search of an afterlife after life

SPIRIT | Proving she's in the spirit of the season, Barbara Walters feigns ignorance to the pair of "reindeer antlers" perched on her head as she steps from her office to greet a visitor.

The veteran broadcaster is in a similar good mood about her two-hour special "Heaven: Where Is It? How Do We Get There?" airing tomorrow night on ABC.

Walters travels to India to meet the Dalai Lama and to a Jerusalem prison to interview a failed suicide bomber. She speaks to people about near-death experiences, to religious leaders and to authors Mitch Albom and Maria Shriver about their books on heaven.

She poses some questions sure to become Walters legends: "Is there sex in heaven?" and "Would you like me to go to hell?"

The former elicits some interesting cultural differences. Cardinal

Theodore McCarrick, archbishop of Washington, said there's no need for such earthly delights in a place where the Lord will give joy. Meanwhile, Muslim suicide bomber Jihad Jarrar told Walters that unless she became a Muslim, hell would be her final destination.

"It's not what I want," he said. "It's what God wants."

Walters tries to dive into the science behind spirituality, and hears an expert who dismisses near-death experiences as hallucinations. The special also includes a probing look into the rise of evangelical Christianity.

"I found so many of these people deeply moving," she said. "I became not more cynical, but less cynical."

She was particularly warmed by the presence of the Dalai Lama. "To be in his presence was a wonderful experience," she said. "When I left, for a couple of days, I was a wonderful person ... I saw only good in everything."

"It lasted a good week."

DAVID BAUDER (AP)

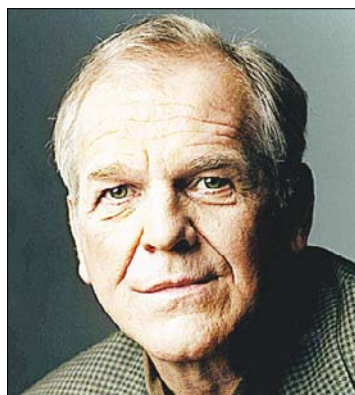
Actor John Spencer Dies

Puckish 'West Wing' star had been a staple of quality TV

APPRECIATION | Actor John Spencer, 58, who played the role of Leo McGarry in "The West Wing," mirrored his character in several ways: Both were recovering alcoholics and both were driven.

"Like Leo, I've always been a workaholic, too," he told the Associated Press in 2000. "Through good times and bad, acting has been my escape, my joy, my nourishment."

Spencer died of a heart attack Friday. In a sad parallel to life, his character on the show had ear-



Spencer would have been 59 on Tuesday.

lier suffered a heart attack that forced him to give up his White House job.

He was "one of those rare combinations of divinely gifted and

incredibly generous," said Richard Schiff, who plays Toby Ziegler on the NBC series.

As McGarry, Spencer played the savvy and powerful chief of staff to President Josiah "Jed" Bartlet (Martin Sheen). In recent episodes, he was picked as a running mate for Democratic presidential contender Matt Santos, played by Jimmy Smits; the campaign against Republican Arnold Vinick (Alan Alda) has been a central theme for the drama this season.

NBC and producer Warner Bros. Television praised Spencer's talent but did not address how his death would affect the Emmy Award-winning series, in production on its seventh season. LYNN ELBER (AP)



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 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1035 135 435) 735 1035
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 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1255 330) 730 1005
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG ★ (1130 1200 330 400) 730 800
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 115 335 440) 710 740 1000 1030
 RENT (PG-13) DIG (1250 345) 705 1015
 WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (105 420) 725 1025
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 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG ★ (1005 1030 1130 1200 1230 135 205 230 305 330 400 430 535) 605 630 705 730 800 830 935 1005 1030
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 WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1000 110 415) 735 1040
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 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1020 1120 130 220 440 530) 710 820 940
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 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1140 240 540) 740 840 1030
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1015 1115 1145 1215 115 145 245 315 345 445 515) 615 645 715 815 900 930 1000 1025
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 JUST FRIENDS (PG-13) DIG (1045) 910
 YOURS MINE & OURS (PG) DIG (1040 150 410) 620 910
 WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1250 350) 650 950
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 AEON FLUX (PG-13) DIG (435) 1000
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 RENT (PG-13) DIG (1125) 1000
 YOURS MINE & OURS (PG) DIG (955 1215 235 455) 745 1005
 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) (1110 240) 715 1040
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 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG ★ (1130 1200 1230 205 330 400 430) 605 730 800 830 1005
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1210 1240 100 120 320 350 410 430) 630 700 720 740 940 1010 1030
 AEON FLUX (PG-13) DIG (1140 215 440) 715 950
 WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1220 340) 710 1020

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Adv. Tix on Sale WEDDING CRASHERS SPECIAL
 EVENT (R) - ID REQ'D ★
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG ★ (1005 1030 1130 1200 1230 205 230 330 400 430) 605 630 730 800 830 1005
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1020 120 420) 710 945
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (950 1010 1210 100 120 320 350 410 430) 630 700 720 740 940 1010 1030
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1030 130 420) 730 1035
 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1150 325) 700 1020
 YOURS MINE & OURS (PG) DIG (250 500) 715 940
 WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1015 115 415) 715 1015
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 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1100 145 430) 730 1010
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG ★ (1005 1130 1200 1230 205 330 400 430) 605 730 800 830 1005
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 AEON FLUX (PG-13) DIG (1045) 1025
 RENT (PG-13) DIG (1115 215 500) 745 1025
 YOURS MINE & OURS (PG) DIG (1215 345) 645 950
 WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1200 330) 700 1020
 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (115 400) 700 1000
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 CHICKEN LITTLE (G) DIG (1115)

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Adv. Tix on Sale WEDDING CRASHERS SPECIAL
 EVENT (R) - ID REQ'D ★
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1110 150 425) 740 1020
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG ★ (1130 1200 1230 205 230 330 400 430) 605 630 730 800 830 1005 1030
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 340) 710 1015
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (950 1010 1210 1240 100 120 320 350 410 440) 635 700 720 750 945 1010 1025
 AEON FLUX (PG-13) DIG (1100 130 355) 715 940
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 Rear Window Captioning (2:10 4:50) 7:35 10:10
 YOURS, MINE AND OURS (PG) (2:00 4:20) 7:00 9:35
 THE ICE HARVEST (R) (2:40 4:40) 7:10 9:40
 RENT (PG-13) (3:20) 6:30 9:30
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Cineplex Odeon WISCONSIN AVE. CINEMAS
 4000 Wisconsin Avenue N.W. 202-244-9882

★ KING KONG (PG-13) (12:00 4:00) 8:00

SYRIANA (R) (12:40 3:45) 6:45 9:35

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (PG) (12:10 1:00 3:15 4:30) 8:00

YOURS, MINE AND OURS (PG) (1:50 4:10)

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) Rear Window Captioning (12:00 3:15) 6:20 9:40

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) (2:00 4:20) 7:00 9:20

Loews WHITE FLINT 5
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★ THE FAMILY STONE (PG-13) (2:15 4:40) 7:00 9:20

★ KING KONG (PG-13) (2:00) 6:00 9:50

SYRIANA (R) (3:00) 6:15 9:00

WALK THE LINE (PG-13) (2:40) 6:10 9:15

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) (2:30) 6:20 9:30

Cineplex Odeon SHIRLINGTON 7
 2772 South Randolph 703-671-0978

SYRIANA (R) (2:10 4:50) 7:30 10:10

★ MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) (2:00 2:40 5:00) 6:10 8:00 9:10

PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG) (1:50 4:30) 7:10 9:50

THE SQUID AND THE WHALE (R) (2:50 5:50) 7:50 9:40

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) (2:20 4:20) 6:40 9:00

CAPOTE (R) (2:30 5:10) 7:40 10:00

Loews GEORGETOWN
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★ THE FAMILY STONE (PG-13) (11:30 2:00 4:30) 7:00 9:30

★ KING KONG (PG-13) (11:20 1:10 2:10 3:10 5:00) 6:00 7:10 8:50 9:50 11:00

SYRIANA (R) (11:40 2:50) 6:10 9:20

Rear Window Captioning (12:50 3:50) 7:20 10:40

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (PG) (12:10 1:40 3:20 4:50) 6:30 8:00 9:40

★ MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) (11:10 12:30 2:20 3:40 5:30) 6:50 8:40 10:00

AEON FLUX (PG-13) (4:00) 10:20

RENT (PG-13) (12:20)

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) (1:50 5:20) 9:00

WALK THE LINE (PG-13) (1:00 4:20) 7:40 10:50

PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG) (12:40 4:10) 7:30 10:30

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★ THE FAMILY STONE (PG-13) (5:00) 7:40 10:20

★ KING KONG (PG-13) (3:00) 6:00 7:00 10:00 11:00

SYRIANA (R) Rear Window Captioning (4:00) 6:50 9:50

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (PG) (3:30) 6:10 7:10 9:15 10:15

AEON FLUX (PG-13) (4:20) 6:40 9:40

YOURS, MINE AND OURS (PG) (3:10 5:20) 7:30 9:45

JUST FRIENDS (PG-13) (3:30 5:40) 8:00 10:10

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) (3:20) 6:30 9:40

CHICKEN LITTLE (G) (4:30) 7:20 9:20

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★ BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) (2:00 3:00 4:00 5:00) 6:00 7:00 8:00 9:00 10:00

PARADISE NOW (PG-13) (2:40 5:10) 7:20 9:40

CAPOTE (R) (2:10 4:50) 7:30 10:10

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★ KING KONG (PG-13) (12:30 1:00 1:30 2:00 4:30 5:00 5:30) 6:30 8:30 9:00 9:30 10:30

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (PG) (1:50 4:50) 7:50 10:50

Rear Window Captioning (1:50 3:50) 6:50 9:50

AEON FLUX (PG-13) (1:05 3:35) 6:05 8:35 11:05

YOURS, MINE AND OURS (PG) (1:35 4:05) 6:35 9:05

IN THE MIX (PG-13) (2:05 4:35) 7:05 9:35

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) (12:40 4:10) 7:40 11:10

GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R) (1:20) 7:20

CHICKEN LITTLE (G) (1:40 3:40 5:40) 7:45 9:45

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Television



LUCKY DOG: The Dog has been good for A&E, so A&E is being good to the Dog. Duane "Dog" Chapman has inked a \$2.6 million contract for a third season of the reality series "Dog, the Bounty Hunter." That's \$100,000 per half-hour episode.

The Power of Greed

'Deal or No Deal' puts money-minded gamers on the spot

DEBUT | Ready to party like it's 1999? NBC certainly hopes so. Six years after "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" fever, NBC introduces Deal or No Deal (8 p.m., NBC), hosted by Howie Mandel.

Combining elements of "Millionaire," "Let's Make a Deal" and the late Robert Palmer's "Addicted to Love" video, "Deal" strips down the genre to its essential elements: greed, timing and the ability to know if and when a bird in



HERE'S HOWIE: "Deal or No Deal" harks back to the days of "Millionaire."

the hand is worth two in the briefcase, as it were.

During each game, 26 fem-bots arrive with numbered briefcases, each containing amounts ranging from one penny to \$1 million. A contestant chooses a case blindly, then he or she gets to eliminate and reveal the contents of six of the remaining cases.

At the end of each round, a shadowy figure known as "the banker" makes the contestant an offer for his briefcase. Players can continue until they make a "deal" with the banker, or play until every case but their own is opened.

Will viewers stick around? We'll soon find out. "Deal or No Deal" will air at this time every night through Thursday. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

THIS IS MY BLOOD

IS IT REAL? (8 p.m., National Geographic) examines the claims of Christian faithful who say they have been marked with stigmata.

COVER ONE EAR

As part of a week of Christmas-themed shows, Craig Ferguson, host of **THE LATE LATE SHOW** (12:37 a.m., CBS), will sing carols with a different guest every night, including Dennis Quaid (tonight); Dwight Yoakam, Chris Isaak, RZA and, together, Regis Philbin and Brian McKnight.

REMAKING 'A CHRISTMAS

CAROL' IS ALWAYS A BAD IDEA An imperious chanteuse (Vanessa L. Williams) gets a spirited comeuppance in the 2000 fantasy **A DIVA'S CHRISTMAS**



Michael gives Gob his own banana stand on "Arrested Development."

CAROL (8 p.m., BET). Kathy Griffin plays a wisecracking blast from the past.

WAY TO DUMP A SHOW

ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT (Fox, 8 & 9 p.m.) On back-to-back episodes, brothers united; Buster gets the hook. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

12.19.05	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRC 4	News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (Series Premiere) (N)		2005 Radio Music Awards (S Live)				News	Tonight Show
WTTG 5	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	Arrested Dev.	Arrested Dev.	Nanny 911 "Spaulding Family" (N)		News		Geraldo at Large	Friends
WJLA 7	News	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap "Asst/Green" (N)		NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Baltimore Ravens. From M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. (S Live)					
WUSA 9	News	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	King of Queens	How I Met	Two/Half Men	Out of Practice	CSI: Miami "Payback" (iTV) (N)		News	Late Show
WDCA 20	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends	Every-Raymond	Hates Chris	One on One	Girlfriends	Half & Half	The Tyra Banks Show		Girlfriends	Girlfriends
WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Direct Connection	Antiques Roadshow "Wild Things" (N)			Great Performances		American Experience: Grand Canyon		Direct Connection	
WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Antiques Roadshow "Wild Things" (N)			American Experience "The Fight" (N) (DVS)		Hoxie: The First Stand (N)		Charlie Rose (N)	
WHUT 32	Moneytrack	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	American Masters: Hank Williams		Catholic University Choir		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)	
WBDC 39	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	7th Heaven "Ring Around the Rosie"		Related "The Naked Truth" (N)		NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Seattle Sonics. (Live)			
A&E	Cold Case Files		Cold Case Files		Flip This House Red brick house.		Teen Thrill Killers		Airline (N)	MovieReal (N)	Crossing Jordan "Perfect Storm" (N)	
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries		The Most Extreme "Gross Outs"		Miami Animal Police "Pit Bull Raid"		Animal Precinct		Animal Cops San Francisco (N)		Miami Animal Police "Pit Bull Raid"	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		Jeff Johnson		"A Diva's Christmas Carol" (2000) Vanessa Williams, Kathy Griffin. Premiere.				The Parkers	The Parkers	In Living Color	In Living Color
Bravo	The West Wing "In Excelsis Deo" (N)		The West Wing "Disaster Relief" (N)		Kathy Griffin: Allegedly Performance.				Kathy Griffin: Allegedly Performance.			
Comedy	Mad TV (N)		*** "My Cousin Vinny" (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci, Ralph Macchio, Marisa Tomei.				South Park		Denis Leary's Merry F... Christmas		Daily Show	Colbert Report
Court	NYPD Blue		Cops	Cops	The Investigators "Heartshot"		Forensic Files	North Mission	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice		The Investigators	
Discovery	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Monster Garage School for the Deaf		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper (N)		Monster Garage School for the Deaf	
DISCH	Paramedics		Trauma: Life in the ER "The Frontier"		Pregnant for 46 Years (N)		Medical Incredible "Crash Landing"		Mystery Diagnosis		Pregnant for 46 Years	
Disney	Sister, Sister	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	"Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas" (1999) Russi Taylor		Naturally Sadie	Naturally Sadie	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	
FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	El News (N)	El News	Kids of Dawson's Creek: True Story	True H'wood			Dr. 90210 (N)	Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	
HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Cash in the Attic Dream House (N)	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me	Rezoned	Design on a Dime	Double Take	
Family	7th Heaven		Santa Claus Is Coming to Town		** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci.				Whose Line?		The 700 Club	
History	The Hero Ship The USS Midway		Marvels: Breaking the Sound Barrier		UFO Files: Texas' Roswell		Decoding the Past (N)		Decoding the Past (N)		Christmas Unwrapped	
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	** "Comfort and Joy" (2003) Nancy McKee, Dixie Carter.		"His and Her Christmas" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Premiere.						Will & Grace	Will & Grace
MTV	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	MTV Miss 17	MTV Miss 17	R. Wld Chal.	R. Wld Chal.	R. Wld Chal.	MTV Miss 17	Punk'd	Punk'd
NICK	All Grown Up	Danny Phantom	Fairly Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Danny Phantom	Full House	Fresh Prince	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "The Tomb" (N)		Surface "Episode 8" (N)		Stargate SG-1 "Chimera" (N)		Stargate SG-1 "Resurrection" (N)		Stargate SG-1 "Inauguration" (N)		* "Xtro" (1982) Bernice Stegers.	
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TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	** "Life" (1999) Eddie Murphy.	
TLC	Martha Russell Simmons (N)		Amazing Medical Stories		Trauma: Life in the ER		Untold Stories of the E.R. (N)		Man-Seven Second Memory		Trauma: Life in the ER	
TNT	Charmed		Law & Order "All My Children" (N)		Law & Order "Open Season" (N)		Law & Order "The Dead Wives' Club"		Wanted "The Last Temptation" (N)		Without a Trace	
USA	(3:00) *** "Dirty Harry" (1971)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		WWE Monday Night Raw Tribute to the Troops. (S Live)				(07) *** "American Pie 2" (2001)	
VH1	Celebrity Best Friends Friendships.		Awesomely Wacky Baby Names		Embarrassing Moments		So Jewtastic		Breakups		Awesomely Oversexed	
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UNIV	Que Locura!	Noticiero Univ	Piel de Otono Mujeres valientes.		Contra Viento y Marea		Alborada		Cristina Sofando Contigo.		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		Monday Night Countdown (Live)				** "CodeBreakers" (2005, Docudrama) Scott Glenn, Jeff Roop.				2005 World Series of Poker	
ESPN2	ESPN Hollywood	Quite Frankly	College Basketball	Pepperdine at Kansas. (Live)			College Basketball Indiana at Charlotte. (Live)				The Season	
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MSNBC	The Abrams Report		Hardball		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Rita Cosby Live & Direct		Scarborough Country		The Situation With Tucker Carlson	
AMC	(5:15) *** "At First Sight" (1998, Drama) Val Kilmer. 'PG-13'				** "Beaches" (1988) Bette Midler. Two diverse women keep their 30-year friendship alive.				*** "Antwone Fisher" (2002) Derek Luke. 'PG-13'			
TCM	*** "Deep Valley" (1947, Drama) Ida Lupino, Dane Clark. 'NR'				*** "Going My Way" (1944, Musical) Bing Crosby. 'NR'				(15) *** "The Bells of St. Mary's" (1945, Drama) Bing Crosby. 'NR'			
HBO	*** "Father of the Bride" (1991, Comedy) Steve Martin. 'PG'				** "Shark Tale" (2004) Voices of Will Smith. 'PG'		** "Son of the Mask" (2005) Jamie Kennedy. 'PG'		(15) Family Bonds: The Final Episode			
MAX	(5:30) *** "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith. 'PG-13'				** "Taxi" (2004, Comedy) Queen Latifah. 'PG-13'		MAX on Set		*** "Scream" (1996, Horror) Neve Campbell, David Arquette. 'R'			
SHOW	*** "Crimson Tide" (1995) Denzel Washington. iTV. 'R'				** "The Good Humor Man" (2004, Drama) Nathan Stevens. 'NR'				** "The Safety of Objects" (2001) Glenn Close. iTV Premiere. 'R'			
TMC	Zone Troopers	** "Cornered" (2001, Drama) Alex DeCosta. 'NR'			** "Living in Peril" (1997, Suspense) Rob Lowe. 'R'		(35) *** "A Slipping-Down Life" (1999, Drama) Lili Taylor. 'R'				Beyond Borders	
STARZ!	Life Aquatic	(45) On the Set	(05) *** "Angels in the Outfield" (1994) Danny Glover. 'PG'		*** "Nell" (1994, Drama) Jodie Foster, Liam Neeson. 'PG-13'		*** "Around the World in 80 Days" (2004) Jackie Chan. 'PG'		(05) *** "54" (1998) Ryan Phillippe.			
ENCORE	(06) *** "Hackers" (1995, Drama) Jonny Lee Miller. 'PG-13'								*** "Gangs of New York" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. 'R'			

22%

The percentage of U.S. consumers who say they plan to buy an MP3 player in the next three months, a poll finds. New multimedia devices like the video iPod are also in the mix — 14 percent are aiming to buy one.

Personal Tech

A Phone of Their Own

Brand-name mobile plans cater to users' specialized interests

WIRELESS | When Jon Grauer sits down for dinner or settles in to watch "Desperate Housewives," or just about any other show on TV, he's sure to have his trusty new cell phone at his side. It's not that he's expecting any phone calls. He just wants to keep checking the latest sports scores on his Mobile ESPN cell phone.

"It may sound strange, but I do use the phone when I'm watching TV," said Grauer. "You just want to get updated."

Ana Maria Ramirez bought a mobile phone from Movida, which caters to the nation's fast-growing Hispanic population.

"My English is not so good," so Movida's Spanish-speaking customer service agents were a welcome relief, said Ramirez, who lives in Miami.

Movida and Mobile ESPN are among the earliest of a new wave of specialized cellular brands expected to hit the market over the next year. These players say



IN THE ZONE: Paul Martjuchin shows off his Mobile ESPN cell phone, one of a growing number of cell phone services designed to appeal to distinct audiences.

they'll win customers by catering to the customized interests or needs of distinct audiences who are underserved by the all-things-to-all-people approach of the major wireless carriers.

There's "Amp'd Mobile," expected to go live this month with an eye on the youth market, and Helio, which plans to launch by mid-2006 aimed at more affluent young adults. For members of the even younger set and their parents, ESPN parent Walt Disney Co. is planning a Disney cellular brand.

Another service named Primus Wireless specializes in cheap overseas calls for immigrants. On the other end of the spectrum, a planned service called Voce is going for a luxury clientele with high-priced phones and services.

Some of the new brands stress lower prices and prepaid offerings. But some like ESPN, Helio and Voce are positioning their services as premium products that can command higher fees.

The cheapest plan from Mobile ESPN is \$65 a month, more than twice the entry-level \$30 calling plan from Sprint.

BRUCE MEYERSON (AP)

A New Way To 'Share' Music Files

TECH TEST | Download music from file-swapping networks these days and you risk getting slapped with a copyright lawsuit.

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A high-speed Internet connection is a must because the music is streamed from other users then relayed through Mercora's own Web servers. The service is incompatible with Macintosh computers.

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On Campus

Counselors devise ways to reach out to minority students

Janie Cisneros, a student at Cornell University, was having a crisis and needed to talk to a counselor. But there would be no embarrassing or intimidating visit to the campus clinic.

Instead, assistant counseling director Sigrid Frandsen-Pechenik took Cisneros to the mall, where they had coffee and talked in English and Spanish.

It was not the usual approach to mental health counseling. But as campuses become more diverse, colleges are finding the old ways don't always work.

There are language barriers and cultural stigmas that equate mental health problems with being weak or crazy. There are the pressures of immigrant families who send their children to college and do not expect

them to fail. And since Sept. 11, 2001, there are pressures over visas, homeland security and privacy.

Many students choose not to ask for help, counselors say. So Frandsen-Pechenik is taking counseling out of the office and closer to students.

The idea is part of a national effort to break from the traditional model of scheduled appointments at the counseling center, which have their own built-in stresses.

Counselors at the Ivy League school hold group talks such as "The Joys and Challenges of Being Other

Than Caucasian at Cornell" and have drop-in sessions at the international student center, the engineering school and other spots.

"There's a lot of shame" in going to the counseling center, said Cinthia Tejada, a senior from New York. "But with outreach, it's not like you're singling yourself out."

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MALL TALK: Sigrid Frandsen-Pechenik of Cornell offers out-of-office sessions.

ties and foreigners have a particularly tough time in college.

"I've worked with many Asian students who have had a hard time finding a language to talk about mental health concerns, and it is something that just isn't discussed in their families," he said.

At Cornell, the new outreach includes multilingual sessions and culture-specific marketing. Cornell literature even promotes Frandsen-Pechenik as the school's "very own Latina psychologist."

The effort is taking hold around the country.

This year, the University of Florida recruited a psychiatrist who speaks several Chinese dialects to join a staff that already includes a

The Doctor Is Informal

A report released this year by the American Council on Education found increasingly diverse campuses between 1991 and 2001, with Hispanic enrollment up 75 percent and Asian-American enrollment up 54 percent. Black enrollment was up 37 percent.

In a lecture this spring, coun-

selor Wai Kwong Wong said Asian and Asian-American students committed 50 percent of suicides in the past decade at Cornell. They make up just 17 percent of enrollment.

Richard Kadison, chief of mental health services at Harvard University and author of "College of the Overwhelmed," said minori-

Spanish speaker. Now the university offers chat groups for international students in English and Chinese.

"Most psychologists I meet are not understanding of, say, being the first in your family to go to college and having the weight of the family on your shoulders," said Cisneros, a senior from Dallas. CARA ANNA (AP)

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FOOL FOR WOOL: Matthew Mole, above, sells organic wool to companies. The Delano Collection buys it and makes coats, below left.



Green Wool

It's the next organic cloth phenomenon

There's a segment of the organic goods market that buys things out of environmental consciousness, while others buy for the social values the organic industry promotes. Increasingly, though, organic goods are being bought by the average Joe, happy to get something green as long as it looks, feels and costs the same as the things he's used to.

In fashion, organic cotton led the way into the mainstream. This winter, it's being closely followed by organic wool, which is available in Patagonia sweaters and Delano Collection coats, among others.

"We see demand growing exponentially. It started with the outdoor industry and now it's Patagonia for sweaters, Fox River for socks, and there'll be a lot more," said Matthew Mole, president of Vermont Organic Fiber Co.

Vermont Organic Fiber currently is developing fine worsted wool for suits, heavier fabrics for coats and a jersey for diaper covers. Children's clothes could be a hot market because parents are always looking to put the purest products next to their babies' skin, but Mole is still working out the kinks when it comes to the washability of the wool.

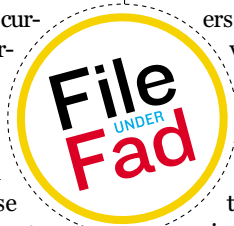
Last year, Patagonia sold out of its limited collection of organic wool sweaters and it looks like the same will happen this year even though the company ordered

more garments, said Jill Dumain, director of environmental analysis at Patagonia.

The company was particularly interested in wool because it has a lot of properties that are conducive to active use, something its customers seek. "It stays warm when wet and it has a natural odor-fighting capacity — the holy grail for the outdoor industry for people going on long expeditions. It's also quicker drying," Dumain said.

Charles Heckman, president and co-designer of Delano, worked with Mole on the woven felted wool that's the shell of the princess-cut coats in stores now. He describes the texture as "like any fine wool coat on the market today. ... It's soft and has a great hand."

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)



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Real Estate

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Are there more houses on the market for sale than this time last year in the D.C. metro area?

There are quite a few more houses on the market now throughout the area than there were a year ago. Source: Monthly numbers released by the local Realtors associations (Northern Virginia Association of Realtors and Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors), which base their counts on the listings in the local multiple listings service.

Newsflash from Columbia Heights: \$350,000 is not remotely affordable for many people.

We all determine "affordable" by our income. I may not be able to afford what you can afford, or vice versa. And for a two-income couple in much of the D.C. area, that is indeed affordable — several of our suburban counties are among the wealthiest in the nation. And for many other people, it is so far beyond their reach as to be inconceivable.

Question about the impact of a new car payment on my ability to get a mortgage: I have a good income, no credit card debt, no car payments at this time, but don't want to screw up my chances at a mortgage

next spring.

If that loan swings your debt ratios out of whack, it WILL affect your ability to get a mortgage. If your numbers are at all tight — as they are for just about everyone — please consider waiting on the new car until after you get the house.

Our mortgage went from \$3,400 to \$3,900 last year due to taxes. Any idea what I'll be paying next year? If this continues, I won't be able to live there much longer!

Of course I don't know what you'll be paying next year. But it will be more. When the next round of assessments comes out, they will be based on increases from 2004 to 2005 — i.e., they're going to jump. So you need to know what your bill will be and divide by 12. (In my case, the assessment comes so much earlier than the jump in escrow that there's, like, a year to figure it all out in advance.)

→ Today on Live Online

1 P.M.: Michelle Boorstein discusses her article about one lesbian couple's decision to leave Virginia because of the state's law against same-sex marriage.

4 P.M.: Author Peggy Noonan discusses her new book, "John Paul the Great: Remembering a Spiritual Father."

Letters

Enough With Iraq Already

I AM REALLY TIRED of the media and your paper giving so much attention to what seems like the 500th Iraqi election this year. We can't even get people to care enough to vote in our own elections, so what makes you think that in the middle of the Christmas season someone is wondering "Hmm, I wonder what the voter turnout was for the Iraq parliamentary elections?"

—JUSTIN DUGUID
Upper Marlboro, Md.

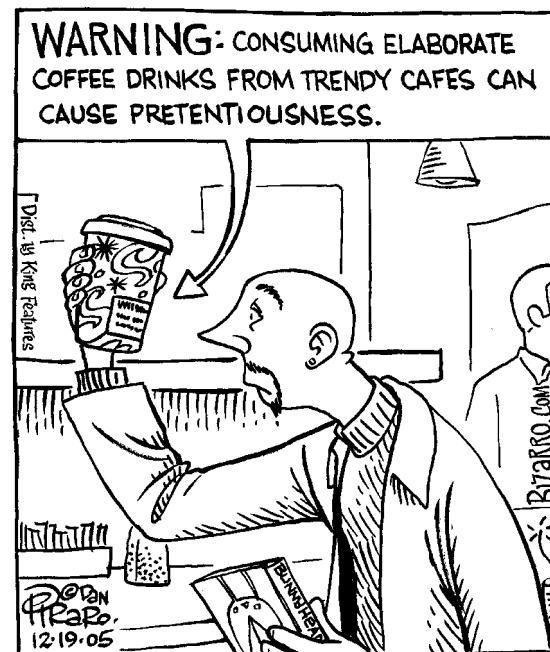
A Serious Issue Denigrated

IN REGARD TO YOUR BLURB about the opening of restrooms for transgender people ("The Trannies' Room," Dec. 16), while I find the news itself and its inclusion heartening, the title and its location is offensive. To locate it among your "wacky news" denigrates a serious issue. I don't think the fact that many transgender people are discriminated against and physically and sexually assaulted when attempting to use the restroom is funny, and it is offensive to refer to transgender people as "trannies."

—ELIZABETH SUELLENTROP
Alexandria, Va.

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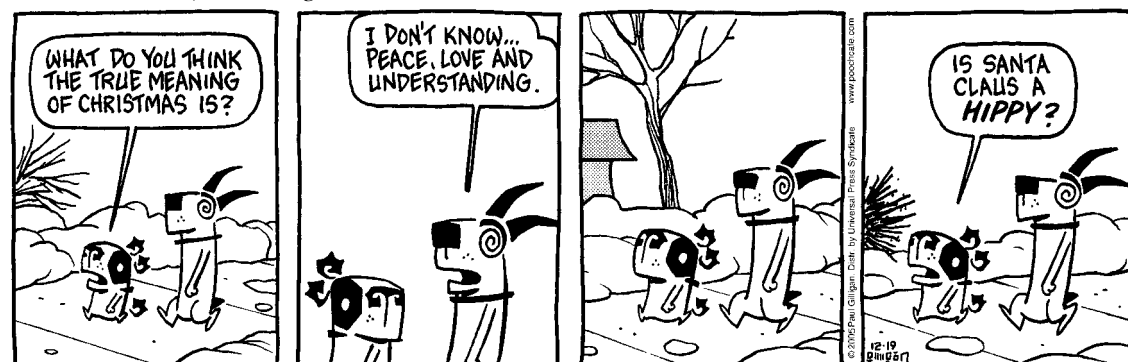


Cornered | Mike Baldwin

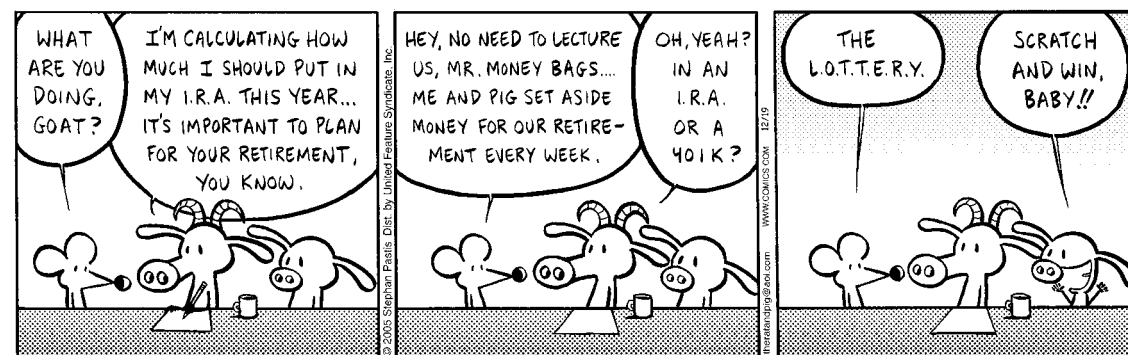


"Truth is, I could never do it all without the miracle of corporate sponsorship."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



SMOOTH VIKING SEAS AHEAD

Hell, if Ray Lewis can get off on murder charges, then surely these guys will get off on lewd conduct charges. Life is grand when you're a famous athlete, isn't it?"

BLOTTED.COM EXPECTS THAT FOUR MINNESOTA VIKINGS PLAYERS, WHO WERE CHARGED LAST WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOW-INFAMOUS LAKE MINNETONKA SEX-BOAT SCANDAL, WILL ESCAPE SERIOUS PUNISHMENT.

THE Blog LOG

BLUE CHRISTMAS

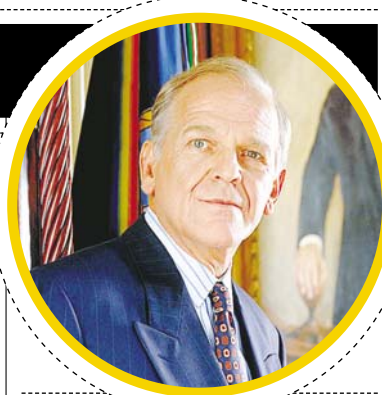
"I just want to survive the next week and use the rest of the year to regroup and restore order to my home and mind. If I don't get sucked into any more celebrations, I may actually be thinking about resolutions for this next year."

LIVEJOURNAL.COM/USER/DOLCEDOMUM WOULD LIKE TO SKIP CHRISTMAS AND LEAVE 2005 BEHIND.

BIG BROTHER

"Hell, I think my phone is tapped, and I don't think they had a court order."

JEFFMACDONALD.BLOGSPOT.COM ON PRESIDENT BUSH ADMITTING HE APPROVED PLANS FOR DOMESTIC EAVESDROPPING BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY.



PERSONAL HISTORY

"What I find funniest about the Metro Weekly coverboy edition is the article itself. ... I mean, I suppose it's impressive that the coverboy graduated from Princeton. But really, in the end, it's not like his claim to fame is any different: He's hot."

TRACKLIGHTING.BLOGSPOT.COM COULD CARE LESS ABOUT THE IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW WITH THE MAN ON THE COVER OF THE D.C. GAY PUBLICATION METRO WEEKLY.

POST-MORTEM PLOT LINES



"How do you write an episode ... expunging a character from the cast without having that actor to work with?"

MONKEYLAW.ORG/BLOG WONDERES HOW "THE WEST WING" WILL DEAL WITH THE REAL-LIFE DEATH OF ACTOR JOHN SPENCER, WHO DIED OF A HEART ATTACK ON FRIDAY.

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Put yourself in best array today and you can present yourself before others more favorably. Much depends upon their reaction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone you know and respect may be willing to give you a helping hand today. Ask for it, for it's not likely to be offered.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You mustn't be afraid of sharing your opinion with those around you. You can expect the response to be favorable in the least.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You will find yourself relying on others far more than usual today. Your focus will be shifting in a subtle way during the days to come.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Environmental influences are not to be ignored today—but you can avoid any long-term effects of those things that prove hazardous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A "special someone" will be playing a more pivotal

role in your own affairs before the day is out. Take care that you're not overshadowed!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be respectful and considerate of those with different ideals and ideas from your own. After all, you may well learn something from them!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have to defend yourself today against those who would assail you without real cause. The fact is, your critics may simply be jealous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may seem to know something today that others do not, and what you do with that knowledge can benefit many others as well as yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll want to get to the bottom of a personal mystery today, and only a good friend can help you get through that one lasting barrier.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A good, slow, concentrated technique is the key to success today. Any shortcuts you take are sure to reduce your effectiveness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) How are you ever going to get to the bottom of things this way? It's certainly time for you to streamline your efforts and sharpen your focus.

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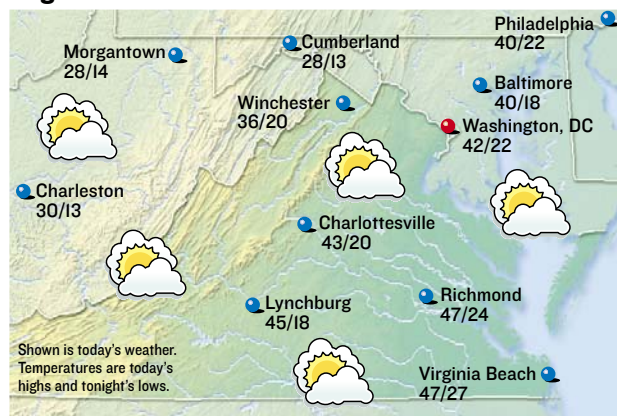


DO stargaze without leaving your computer. Sure, you could go out at night and look up at the stars. But, hey, it's cold. For a warmer alternative, crank up the thermostat, turn the lights off and log on to Neave.com/lab to check out its online planetarium. Change the date or your location to get new views.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Partly sunny	Mostly clear, cold	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny, cold	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
42°	22°	42° / 25°	38° / 23°	42° / 28°	47° / 34°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun.

Temperature

High	45°
Low	33°
Normal high	46°
Normal low	31°
Average humidity	54%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	2.19"
Normal month to date	1.75"
Year to date	43.23"
Last year to date	41.52"
Normal year to date	38.05"

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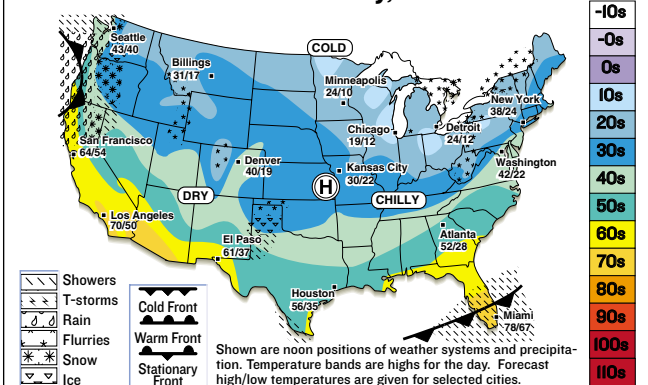
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy, chilly. Low 42. Wind northwest 8-16 mph. Tonight, mostly clear, cold. Low 16 in the suburbs to 22 in the city.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:22 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:49 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:33 p.m.
Moonset today	10:32 a.m.



National Weather for Monday, December 19



National Cities

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	52/28/s	49/30/pc
Boston	34/22/pc	34/22/pc
Chicago	19/12/s	26/14/pc
Dallas	44/37/pc	42/34/i
Denver	40/19/pc	44/24/s
Honolulu	81/64/pc	80/66/s
Los Angeles	70/50/s	76/52/s
Miami	78/67/sh	78/62/sh
New York City	38/24/pc	38/26/s
Orlando	68/52/sh	68/48/pc
Seattle	43/40/i	52/41/r

World Cities

City	Today	Tues.
Amsterdam	46/37/sh	47/41/pc
Athens	50/38/pc	46/36/s
Berlin	34/30/sn	36/31/sf
Buenos Aires	72/54/t	73/57/s
Calgary	28/17/s	37/23/c
Dublin	46/39/pc	48/43/sh
Geneva	32/25/pc	40/28/sf
Moscow	26/18/c	30/15/sn
Rome	54/38/s	49/41/pc
Sydney	73/65/s	82/73/s
Tokyo	45/36/pc	46/36/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK out People



LOVE TRIANGLES

Will Bono Tear the World's Richest Couple Apart?

Time magazine has named **BILL** and **MELINDA GATES** and **BONO** its "Persons of the Year," citing their charitable work and activism aimed at reducing global poverty and improving world health. The 2005 "Person of the Year" package hits newsstands Monday. President Bush was last year's pick. (AP)

PASSION WAGON?

That Van Was So Not A-Rockin', Says Hatcher

TERI HATCHER won libel damages Friday from Brit tabloid the Daily Sport, E! Online reported. The paper ran a story on July 25 called "Teri's Passion Wagon," which said Hatcher had sex with several men in a VW van outside her home so she wouldn't be discovered by her 7-year-old daughter. "I will never allow any tabloid to so egregiously attack ... my parenting," Hatcher said in a statement. (AP)



MARIO ANZUONI/REUTERS

NO PRENUP!

'I'll Be So Rich'

JESSICA SIMPSON filed a divorce petition Friday in Los Angeles Superior Court, citing irreconcilable differences. Simpson and husband Nick Lachey had no prenuptial agreement and, in the petition, Simpson asked the court not to grant Lachey spousal support. The couple jointly announced their separation on Nov. 23, following months of rumors. (AP)

SEE ABOVE

Wow, She's Taking That Divorce News Kinda Hard

ASHLEE SIMPSON collapsed following a performance in Tokyo and has been hospitalized. She had just performed her single "Boyfriend" for MTV Japan on Thursday, when she told the audience she felt sick and

said to them, "I love you guys." She then collapsed in an elevator and



was rushed away by ambulance. Her appearance at the Radio Music Awards on Monday has been canceled. (AP)

RUNNERS

Reese-Traumatizing Photog Hides His Face in Shame

An arrest warrant has been issued for a photographer who allegedly struck a 5-year-old child with his camera while trying to take pictures of **REESE WITHERSPOON** and her children at an amusement park. An Orange County, Calif., judge issued the warrant Friday after Todd Kevin Wallace, 44, failed to show up for



a bail hearing. Wallace had been free on his own recognizance while awaiting trial on six misdemeanor charges stemming from the Sept. 2 incident at Disney's California Adventure. He allegedly became angry when Witherspoon and her friends declined to be photographed and cursed them. Witherspoon's group was at the amusement park for a birthday party for her 6-year-old daughter. (AP)

UNIONS

Elton Pities Those Not Lucky Enough to Marry Him

ELTON JOHN said forming a civil partnership with David Furnish in England this week will be "the happiest day of my life." But, John added, he will feel sorry for the many gay couples who live in countries that prohibit such unions. "It has been a long struggle for equal rights to gay people in Britain, but now, in the 21st century, we have real civil rights, tolerance and final acceptance," John wrote in London's The Observer, a Sunday newspaper. More than 600 same-sex couples plan to form civil partnerships in England and Wales on Wednesday, the first day such ceremonies will be possible. (AP)



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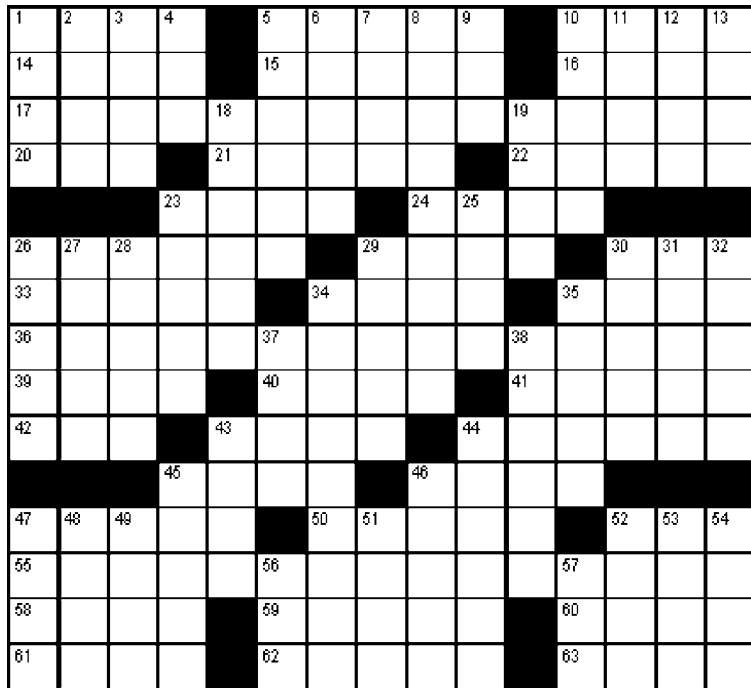
ACROSS

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15 Shaq's surname
16 Table spread
17 On the pathway of enticement
20 Caustic substance
21 Stuffed carnival prize, perhaps
22 Relieves
23 What this gun's for?
24 Churlish one
26 Distinct feature
29 Word with bank or student
30 ____ canto
33 Barton or Bow
34 Boorish sort
35 Trunk of a tree
36 Pathway of the politically moderate
39 They can be made to meet
40 Party favorites
41 Reach in amount
42 It's the limit for some
43 Buffalo Bill
44 Ascended
45 Major component of soapstone
46 "Gorillas in the Mist" author
47 Advances gradually
50 Out in the open
52 Word in the

Three Musketeers' motto
55 On the pathway of futility
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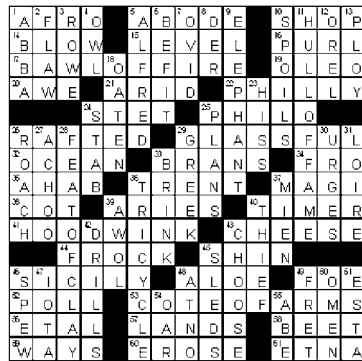
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10 Stock designation
11 "Poor me"
12 The head of Henri
13 Aahs' companion
18 Grand in scope
19 Tube gas
23 Range rovers
25 It may be taken with a Bible
26 Highest stages



27 Move like Morticia
28 Type of wagon
29 Elevated
30 Timely blessings
31 Opposite of deject
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34 Hot pink, e.g.
35 You'll find one on ice in Boston
37 Hydroxyl-carbon compound
38 Book slips?
43 It's home to Castro

44 Use the clothesline, e.g.
45 Wound-up
46 Star in Cygnus
47 Prepare for publication
48 Blockhead
49 "Alice" actress
51 Start of a cheer
52 Romeo lead-in
53 Mean partner
54 Northern constellation
56 Lifting device?
57 Rapid escape

Friday's Solution



Today in History

1732 Benjamin Franklin began publishing "Poor Richard's Almanac."

1776 Thomas Paine published his first "American Crisis" essay.

1843 "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England.

1932 The BBC began transmitting overseas with its Empire Service to Australia.

1972 Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

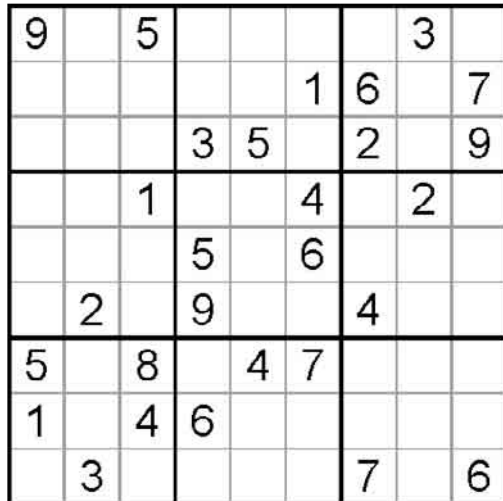
1998 President Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice (he was later acquitted by the Senate).

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Degree of Difficulty: EASY

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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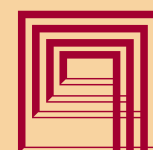
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